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By the King.

A Proclamation concerning playing-Cards and Dice.



Whereas the Kings Majestic, having lately settled a course for the constant weekly buying and taking from the Card-makers, and Dice-makers, such of them as are His naturall born subjects, their Manufactures of Cards and Dice, by His Proclamation published the fifteenth day of May, in the thirteenth year of His Reign, (whereby they might be enabled to live of their Trades) did therefore require and command, that all Cards and Dice made here, or otherwise imported from foreign parts, should be brought to His Majesties Officer in London, appointed for the Searching and Sealing of such as should be found good and merchantable, before the same Cards or Dice should be sold or disposed off: But His Majestic now finding that sundry wayes of deceit have been and are daily practised as well by the Makers of Cards and Dice, as by those that import the same, is pleased to ratifie and confirme His said Proclamation, and again to declare His further Royall pleasure therein, and doth therefore straitly charge and command, that no person or persons whatsoever (other then His Majesties said Officer) shall hereafter presume to Seal or Mark any playing-Cards or Dice, or to fix thereon any Seals, or printed Papers now used, or which hereafter shall be used by the said Officer; And that none but such as he shall appoint, do engrave, cut, or print any of the said Seals for the Sealing of Cards or Dice, or do imitate or counterfeit the same; And that no foreign Cards or Dice imported, or to be imported, shall be from henceforth

landed in any other of his Majesties Ports in England or Walls, then in the Port of London only; And that upon the landing thereof in the same Port, or within two dayes after, notice be thereof given by the Importers or Owners to his Majesties said Officer, of the just quantities thereof, and that none of the Officers in any other of his Majesties Ports, (under pain of losse of their Office) shall suffer any Cards or Dice to be imported, or landed, contrary to this his Majesties command, but shall seize the same, and give notice of such seizure within convenient time after.

And further, his Majestie doth straightly charge and command, That no Merchant, Master, or Owner of Ships, Mariners, or others, shall hereafter import, or suffer to be imported, any forreign Cards or Dice to any other Port then the Port of London only, and thereof duly to give knowledge as aforesaid. And for the better discovery of deceits herein, his Majestie doth hereby straightly charge and command, That all forreign Cards, after Michaelmas next, shall be brought to the Office in London for Sealing of Cards, where they shall be put into English Binders, or new bound by his Majesties said Officer, or his Deputie, before the same shall be sold: And that no person or persons, of what condition or qualitie soever, after Michaelmas next, shall buy, sell, use, utter, keep, or dispose of any Cards whatsoever, that be or shall be put in forreign Binders, before the same shall be new bound, or put in English Binders, and be Sealed by his Majesties Officer or his Deputie, upon pain of the forfeiture thereof.

And to these his Majesties Royall commands, he requireth all due conformitie and obedience, ~~which~~ shall concern, upon pain of the losse and forfeiture of all such Cards or Dice, as shall be Sealed, Marked, Counterfeited, Imported, or otherwise bought, sold, or disposed of, contrary to his Majesties pleasure herein declared; and upon such further penalties and punishments as by the Lawes or Statutes of the Realm, or otherwise may be inflicted for their contempt or neglect herein.

Given at Our Court at Greenwich, the eighteenth day of June, in the fourteenth yeer of Our Reign.

God save the King.



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